



Code of Conduct – Spectator



ATHLETICS WEST

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Spectator Code of Conduct

In addition to Athletics West General Code of Conduct, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Ridgewood Athletics Centre and its affiliated Clubs in your role as a spectator:

1. Remember that most little athletes participate in little athletics activities for fun. They are not participating for the entertainment of spectators. They are not small adults.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts by each little athlete. Congratulate all participants upon their performances regardless of the event outcome.
3. Respect the decision of the officials. Encourage little athletes to participate according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the athletes to do likewise.
4. Never ridicule or scold a little athlete for making a mistake during an event. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Refrain from conduct that could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
6. Do not use foul or bad language, sledge or harass administrators, coaches, little athletes, officials or other spectators.
7. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, little athletes, officials or other spectators.
8. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.
9. Keep to designated spectator areas and do not encroach on the arena or other competition sites.
10. Show respect for each athlete. Without them there would be no events.
11. Encourage athletes to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
12. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not harassing athletes, coaches or officials, smoking on the arena or being intoxicated.

